GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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WAITING LIST FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) whether any time limit has been fixed to clear the waiting list;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government are considering to reduce the telephone rent; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SMT. SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) The total number of persons in waiting list for telephone connections in the country as on 30.06.2002 is 2045886. The state-wise waiting list as on 30.06.2002 is as per annexure.

(b) & (c): Sir efforts are being made to clear the Waiting List by March, 2003 by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) subject to availability of funds and timely availability of materials.

(d) No, Sir

(e) Does not arise.

ANNEXURE

STATE WISE WAITING LIST FOR TELEPHONE CONENCTIONS

Sl. No.	State	Waiting list as on 30.06.2002
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	477
2.	Andhra Pradesh	82678
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	2938
4.	Assam	10500
5.	Bihar	86834
6.	Chattisgarh	3115
7	Goa	8524
8.	Gujarat	92828
9.	Haryana	98737
10.	Himachal Pradesh	25377

11. Jammu & Kashmir 42266
12. Jharkhand 14212
13. Karnataka 125719
14. Kerala 600635
15. Madhya Pradesh 12818
16. Mahrashtra 211699
17. Manipur 5720
18. Meghalaya 1582
19. Mizoram 1079
20. Nagaland 825
21. Orissa 17908
22. Punjab 109598
23. Rajasthan 127063
24. Sikkim 176
25. Tamilnadu 66439
26. Tripura 7018
27. Uttar Pradesh 96906
28. Uttaranchal 9593
29. West Bengal 170974
30. Delhi 11648

Total 2045886